

**ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT
HABITAT PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE
HABITAT ENHANCEMENT AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL**

Game Branch / HPC Project Number: 13-105

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Title: Wallow Fire Trick Tank/Guzzler Reconstruction

Region and Game Management Unit: Region 1/ GMUs 1 & 27

Local Habitat Partnership Committee (LHPC):

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Was the project presented to the LHPC?

YES[] NO[X]

Has this project been submitted in previous years? YES[] NO[X]

If Yes, was it funded? YES[] NO[] → **Funded HPC Project #(s):**

Project Type: Water Development

Brief Project Summary: This project is to replace the Lost Bear fiberglass guzzler/drinker and the Riggs Creek metal apron guzzler/drinker impacted by the 2011 Wallow Fire. Replacements will be two 5000 gallon fiberglass guzzlers at each site totaling 20,000 gallons. It is also intended to rebuild perimeter fences excluding livestock from the developments and remove hazardous trees. All are located on the Alpine Ranger District of the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests: thus it was decided to combine all into one project title.

Big Game Wildlife Species to Benefit: Elk, Mule Deer and Antelope

Implementation Schedule (Month/Day/Year):

Project Start Date: Spring/Summer 2014

Project End Date: Fall 2015

Environmental Compliance:

NEPA Completed: Yes[] No[] N/A[X]

Projected Completion Date: _____

State Historic Preservation Office - Archaeological Clearance:

Yes[] No[] N/A[]

Projected Completion Date: _____

Arizona Game and Fish Department EA Checklist: N/A[]

To be Completed by: _____

Projected Completion Date: _____

PROJECT FUNDING

Special Big Game License Tag Funds Requested:

\$ 93,000

Cost Share or Matching Funds:

\$

Total Project Costs:

\$ 93,000

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Applicant (please print):

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Project has been coordinated with:

NEED STATEMENT – PROBLEM ANALYSIS:

These water developments receive heavy use from elk herds as well as mule deer, pronghorn and other small game and non-game animals. They help disperse big game species from sensitive riparian areas. Both sites are located on the Alpine Ranger District of the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests. Barb wire fence will be rebuilt around each site to wildlife friendly standards. Dead trees hazardous to the development will be dropped by chainsaw and bucked up on site.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- Provide source of water for elk, mule deer, pronghorn and other small game and non-game animals to alleviate impact on riparian areas.
- Disperse big game species from sensitive riparian areas.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND STRATEGIES:

Utilize a contracted crew to repair or rebuild each development to current AZGFD water development standards, rebuild perimeter fences and remove hazardous trees.

PROJECT LOCATION:

Alpine Ranger District on the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests; AZGFD Region 1, GMU 1 & 27. Lost Bear is located at T04N, R29E, Sec.32. Riggs Creek is located at T07N, R29E, Sec.27.

LAND OWNERSHIP AT THE PROJECT SITE(S):

(if the project area is private property, please state specifically and provide the landowner's name)

- Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests, Alpine Ranger District

IF PRIVATE PROPERTY, IS THERE A COOPERATIVE BIG GAME STEWARDSHIP or LANDOWNER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LANDOWNER AND THE DEPARTMENT?

YES[] NO[] N/A[X]

HABITAT DESCRIPTION: Pinion-Juniper woodland, Mixed-conifer and Ponderosa Pine forests

ITEMIZED USE OF FUNDS:

Special Big Game License Tag Funds

Livestock exclosure materials package (t-post, wire, stays, corner brace)	\$ 3,500
4 fiberglass storage tanks (5000 gallon capacity each)	\$ 40,000
Walk in trough elk design (antelope friendly)	\$ 20,000
Gutter, plumbing, etc.	\$ 2,000
Hazard Tree Mitigation	\$ 2,500
Contracted development crew	\$ 25,000

